

Tomorrow - is an Ember
Day. You are exempted from
fast and abstinence ...

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Welcome Back!

here on campus. In South
Bend, you may eat meat at
one meal only. No snacks
for those over 21 off
campus.

They've all arrived by this hour -- the dignified Seniors, the maturing Juniors, the well-informed Sophomores -- all getting used to the luxury of Fisher, the endless corridors in Dillon, and the water-front life in Lyons. And now that you are all here, God bless you, and keep you, and bring you safely through the Indiana winter!

About the Freshmen ? Don't worry. They're already hard at work. Their mission is finished. From Father Hesburgh they have learned the pattern of life at Notre Dame. If they remember what he told them, they can't miss. Nor will there be any accidents to jar the peace of the family circle.

A Story For Sophomores

High in the spire of the church here on campus are 24 bells comprising the oldest carillon in North America. This year the bells are 100 years old -- having been imported from France in 1856, just 14 years after the University was founded. They range in weight from 15 to nearly 1100 pounds. Each bell is named for a different title accorded the Blessed Virgin. Originally they were played manually. Later the carillon was operated mechanically -- by a revolving drum which tripped the hammers of the various bells to play a melody. In 1953 a new clavier, or keyboard, was installed, and the bells re-hung. Now they are operated by remote control electrically from the sacristy. The largest bell in the spire is not a part of the carillon. It measures over 7 feet in height and is almost 7 feet in diameter and weighs 15,400 pounds. It was cast in LeMans, France, in 1867, and was installed on the occasion of the consecration of the church. Until recent years, it took six husky students to ring this big bell; but now it can be rung electrically. In the past it was rung only on very special occasions -- to herald a prince of the Church, or to mark some memorable event in the history of Notre Dame.

This Sunday evening they will ring for you -- announcing the beginning of the Sophomore Mission at 6:45 under the direction of Father Wilfrid Menard, C.S.C. All services will be brief, and terminate in ample time for other activities. The Mission will continue through Monday and Tuesday, terminating on Wednesday morning with the Papal Blessing. A mission at the beginning of the schoolyear is an essential part of a Notre Dame education. Hence, don't sell yourselves short.

To derive full fruit from the mission, you should receive Communion each day. To make this possible and convenient for you, there will be 10 confessors available Sunday evening after the mission devotions. There will be Mass in Sacred Heart Church, each morning of the mission, at 6:45, with confessors available.

And For The Freshmen

There's a particular priest assigned to help you in a multitude of ways. He is Father Daniel O'Neil, CSC, the Class Chaplain, with offices at 107 Cavanaugh. You don't have to be introduced -- just stop in and get acquainted. All Freshmen are a little bewildered about a number of things. Stop in and see Fr. Dan O'Neil -- he's just the one to help you straighten out whatever pops up. He's on the job every morning and evening. He's got medals, rosaries, pamphlets -- and a big helping hand.

Solemn Opening of Schoolyear at 9:00, Sunday, in Sacred Heart Church.
Earlier Masses at 6, 7, and 8 for Freshmen; at 10:15 and 11:15 for Upperclassmen.